GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2718
ANSWERED ON:16.12.2004
NATIONAL INSTRUMENT LTD.
Zahedi Shri Mahboob

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Jadavpur University of Kolkata has offered to buy out the once prestigious National Instruments Limited (NIL) which is on the verge of closure;

(b) whether JU wants to take over not only the building and sophisticated optical instruments but retain the 60-odd staff of the PSU as well;

(c) if so, whether JU has offered to the Union Government to pay up to Rs.10 crore for the factory;

(d) whether JU wants to incorporate the new resources in its plan to beef up university-industry interface; and

(e) if so, the reaction of the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES(SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV)

(a) to (e): Jadavpur University has recently expressed its interest to take over the responsibility of National Instruments Ltd. in respect of Land, Building and Manpower. No monetary offer has been made in the letter expressing the interest. The letter expressing the interest is under examination in the Government.